

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

☐ If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-3 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 12-15, and 17-19 relative to the patented claims as amended in the aforesaid reexam proceeding and as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto. Also, please replace claims 9, 16, and 20-21 as originally presented in this reissue application with the version of these claims set forth in Appendix A to reflect the changes made in the concluded reexamination proceeding. Please also add new claims 22-30 as set forth in Appendix A.

A complete set of all pending claims with markings to show any changes made in both the concluded reexam proceeding and the present reissue application is attached hereto as Appendix B.